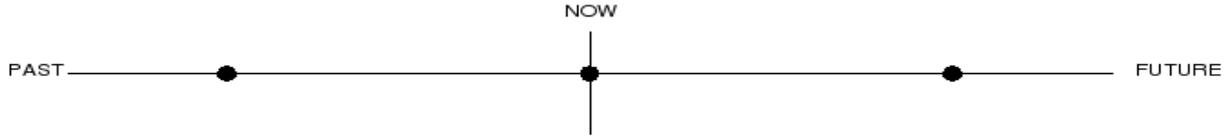


Verb Tense Chart

Simple Tenses: Simple Tenses are used to talk about a point in time.



Simple Past

-Used to talk about completed actions in the past.

e.g. - I ate breakfast this morning.

Simple Present

-Used to talk about routines and habits
-To talk about things that are always true

e.g. - I eat breakfast every day.

Simple Future with 'will'

-Used to describe an action that *will* happen at a point in time in the future.

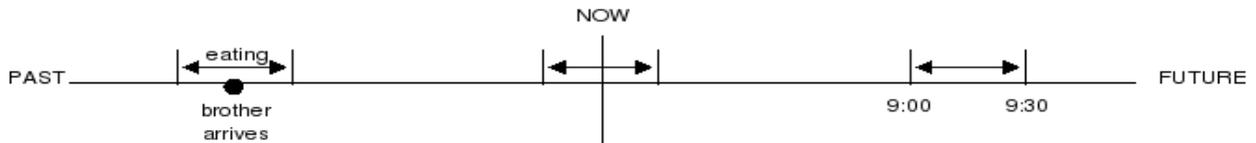
e.g. - I will eat breakfast later.

Simple Future with 'going to'

- Used to talk about plans
-To make predictions about the future

*e.g. - I am going to see Juliet later
- I think it's going to snow later.*

Continuous Tenses: Continuous tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *length of time*.



Past Continuous

-Used to talk about an action happening before (and perhaps after) another point in time.

e.g. - I was eating breakfast when my brother arrived.

Present Continuous

-Used to talk about an action happening now, or around now.

e.g. - Right now, I am eating breakfast.

Future Continuous

-Used to talk about things happening around a point of time in the future

- To talk about planned future events
- To make predictions about things happening at the time of speaking.

e.g. - I will be eating breakfast from 9:00 to 9:30..

Perfect Tenses: Perfect tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *point in time before another point in time*.



Past Perfect

-Used to sequence two past events.

e.g. - I had already eaten breakfast when my brother arrived.

Present Perfect

-Used to talk about an indefinite point in the past.

-To talk about something that started in the past and continues into the present (**for**, **since**)
- To talk about a recently completed action.

e.g. - I have already eaten breakfast.

Future Perfect

-Used to say how long something will have been in progress by a point in the future

-To say that something will be finished before a particular point in the future.
- To make predictions about things happening at the time of speaking.

e.g. - I will have already eaten breakfast by the time my brothers arrives.

Perfect Continuous Tenses: Perfect continuous tenses are used whenever we are talking about a *length of time up to a point in time*.



Past Perfect Continuous

-Used to say how long something has been in progress before another point in the past.

*e.g. - I **had been** eating breakfast for 30 minutes when my brother arrived.*

Present Perfect Continuous

- Used to talk about something that started in the past and is continuing into the present.

-To talk about recently completed actions.

*e.g. - I **have been** eating my breakfast for 30 minutes.*

Future Perfect Continuous

-Used to say how long something will have been in progress up to a point in the future.

*e.g. - I **will have been** eating my breakfast for 30 minutes by the time he arrives.*

*Adapted from the CELTA Cambridge Trainee Booklet and ESL charts at <http://www.eslcharts.com/verb-tenses-chart.html>